

Cupido amyntula maritima* (Western Tailed Blue)*Priority 3 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)****Class:** *Insecta* (Insects)**Order:** *Lepidoptera* (Butterflies, Skippers, And Moths)**Family:** *Lycaenidae* (Gossamer-winged Butterflies)**General comments:**

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Species Conservation Range Maps for Western Tailed Blue:Town Map: [Cupido amyntula maritima_Towns.pdf](#)Subwatershed Map: [Cupido amyntula maritima_HUC12.pdf](#)**SGCN Priority Ranking - Designation Criteria:****Risk of Extirpation: NA****State Special Concern or NMFS Species of Concern: NA****Recent Significant Declines: NA****Regional Endemic: NA****High Regional Conservation Priority: NA****High Climate Change Vulnerability: NA****Understudied rare taxa:**

Recently documented or poorly surveyed rare species for which risk of extirpation is potentially high (e.g. few known occurrences) but insufficient data exist to conclusively assess distribution and status. *criteria only qualifies for Priority 3 level SGCN*

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Historical: NA**Culturally Significant: NA****Habitats Assigned to Western Tailed Blue:****Formation Name** **Grassland & Shrubland****Macrogroup Name** **Ruderal Shrubland & Grassland****Habitat System Name:** Ruderal Upland - Old Field ****Primary Habitat**** **Notes:** roadsides where exotic host plant (cow vetch) present**Stressors Assigned to Western Tailed Blue:**

No Stressors Currently Assigned to Western Tailed Blue or other Priority 3 SGCN.

Species Level Conservation Actions Assigned to Western Tailed Blue:

No Species Specific Conservation Actions Currently Assigned to Western Tailed Blue or other Priority 3 SGCN.

Guild Level Conservation Actions:

This Species is currently not attributed to a guild.

Broad Taxonomic Group Conservation Actions:

Relevant conservation actions for this species are assigned within broader taxonomic groups in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-1.

Habitat Based Conservation Actions:

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Additional conservation actions that may benefit habitat(s) associated with this species can be found in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-15. Click on the Habitat Grouping of interest to launch a habitat based report summarizing relevant conservation actions and associated SGCN.

The Wildlife Action Plan was developed through a lengthy participatory process with state agencies, targeted conservation partners, and the general public. The Plan is non-regulatory. The species, stressors, and voluntary conservation actions identified in the Plan complement, but do not replace, existing work programs and priorities by state agencies and partners.